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Notes From The G

Geri Lum: Course Manager:

OK. So weather notwithstanding, let's see if we can get 2019 off to a good start. Some of you are hoping that I get help in organizing the year's events. I share your concerns. It'll be different; that's certain.



VSGA Social —February 13th.

As most of you know by now, an attempt to find a reasonable substitute ready to assume the duties that Cole once held domain, failed. Miserably I might add. The number of qualified persons not already in a similar position elsewhere is tough to find.

In a step toward positivity, we are pleased to welcome back Amy Adams who after a brief hiatus has agreed to return to the fold. By the time you read this, she'll have been back in Winchester and on board at Rock Harbor. It may be that she would already be representing us in Canada at the Toronto Golf and Travel Show. Together with the Virginia Travel Corporation, we attempt to suade our northern neighbors, that while perhaps traveling south to the Carolinas or further that they could surely stop at our little piece of paradise and play a round before headed to their destinations. You can catch up with Amy when she returns.

The much anticipated and ballyhooed revision to the rules of golf is in force. To that, we have come up with some local rules that might help not only the speed of play but the enjoyability of the course(s). These are just a few of what may be a growing list... I will not go over all of the revisions here, a representative of the Virginia State Golf Association will be at our social on the 13th of February and review those. What I have listed within is a couple of items that the current rules allow us to do locally...that means for Rock Harbor courses only.

- I. OUT OF BOUNDS – DEFINED BY WHITE STAKES: Player may drop a ball within determining the relief area. {The method to determine the relief area can be obtained via the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf – Model Local Rule} dropping the

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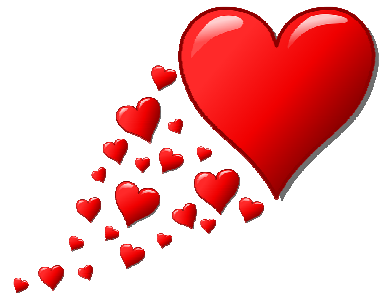
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Fresh From The Grill



Don't forget!
Valentines Dinner
February 14th
You must RSVP
Two seating times
5:15 & 7:30



Call The Grill to RSVP

Beau Rudiger,
RH Grill Manager:

Winter weather is upon us again let's hope it doesn't last long!!!

We are working on a few new appetizers in February and will be running specials with them to see how you all enjoy them. We have also started preparing and smoking our own lunch meats from scratch, at this time it's the smoked fresh turkey breast sand-

wich and we will be moving on to the Roast Beef very soon.

Don't forget member socials are twice a month, so please make sure you RSVP. I have a few spots left on the 7:15 seating for the Valentines Day dinner. Please make sure if you are part of the 5:15 pm seating on Valentine's Day you and your group are finished by 7:15 so

we can reset for our next group at the 7:30 seating. Thank you for getting your Valentine reservations in should be a good evening!!!

Saturday Evening Dinner Hours 5-8:30 PM

Winter Member Events

February 13, 6 PM
VSGA Event

February 27, 6 PM
Prospective Members/
Ladies Night

March 13, 7 PM
League Rules

March 27, 7 PM
Sand N Suds

"Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots—but you have to play the ball where it lies."

- Bobby Jones



Cliff Borden, Boulder No. 11

The Green

Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

Well, I believe everyone is looking forward to the new year. After attending numerous talks for the turf industry it is an understatement to say 2018 was a rough year. I am proud to say that compared to the pictures I have seen of many courses we have come through in great shape. I did say comparatively. There are areas we need to “fix” for the upcoming season.

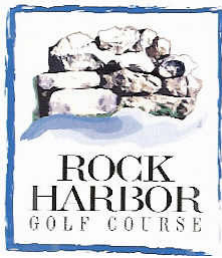
I am really looking forward to the upcoming season. We recently acquired a second spray tank to improve or current spray program. (See picture below) Having this machine will help eliminate some of the cross over we have had between golfers and spray equipment. The new sprayer has a larger capacity which will improve our efficiency. The additional sprayer opens the opportunity to use some turf enhancement products to our fairways.

During the upcoming year you will see more activity on improving fairway conditions. I am very happy with the results we have seen so far from the aerification and topdressing of Rock #5 and 6, and Boulder #7 and 10. We will be continuing this on the rest of the fairways. The additional sprayer opens the opportunity to use some turf enhancement products to our fairways. Last years purchase of the large Dakota 440 topdresser has proven to be a great asset for fairway improvement. My goal is to improve the turf density and overall playability of the fairways.

Work on bunkers will continue as weather permits. Sorry no plans to eliminate any bunkers. Dead trees will be cut and new trees will replace most.

Here is wishing everyone a great year for golf. As always, feel free to stop me anytime for questions, comments, or criticisms.





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Pictorial Diary



Where is this on the course? This picture was taken on March 14, 2012. What is it today?



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ball within the general area incurring a two stroke penalty. This local rule applies to non-tournament play.

Apply this local rule for Member league play or Tuesday Senior League play

In cases where event does not refer to this local rule, Rule 18.2a shall be in force.

2. **BUNKER:** Ball comes to rest in any hole or imprint made by any animal (including human), the player may take relief without penalty by lifting ball from the impediment, rake affected area and replace. {This one may be iffy, but we'll go for it...}
3. **RELIEF WITHOUT PENALTY FROM WASHEDOUT AREA WITHIN BUNKER.**
Nearest relief without penalty within bunker, no nearer hole. (Ground Under Repair; Declared)
4. **BALL COMES TO REST IN GROWN AREA TALLER THAN ROUGH HEIGHT AND IS NOT SPECIFICALLY OR OTHERWISE MARKED, IS DEEMED TO BE IN PENALTY AREA (Red).**
5. **DO NOT CHIP FROM ANY GREEN.**

Boulder 6 where green is not in play that day

All other greens or putting surfaces.

These will also be on the rules sheet governing any of the club's tournaments.

Well, we will await the forecasts for the remainder of this winter session and in the meantime, please refer to the activities for the Wednesday evenings going forward. Thank you all for caring and being a part of Rock Harbor.